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In re Application of	:	
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Filed: February 11, 2002	:	Examiner: ARDIN H. MARSCHEL
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING DNA HYBRIDIZATION	:	

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 10, 2004, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following distinct Species:

First Invention:

Species A - Invention embodiments wherein first and second reference voltage signals are specifically a capability to be generated and received by a differential amplifier or wherein an output signal representing the difference is generated;

Species B - Invention embodiments wherein first and second reference voltage signals are "not" specifically a capability to be generated and received by a differential amplifier or wherein an output signal representing the difference is generated.

Second Invention:

Species C - Claim embodiments wherein the known DNA sample has a highly negative charged molecule attached thereto; and

Species D - Claim embodiments wherein the known DNA sample is not required to have a highly negative charged molecule attached thereto.

Applicant elects without traverse, **Species A**, claims 1-14, with regard to the first invention, and **Species C**, claims 1-19, 22 and 24, with regard to the second invention, for initial prosecution on the merits.

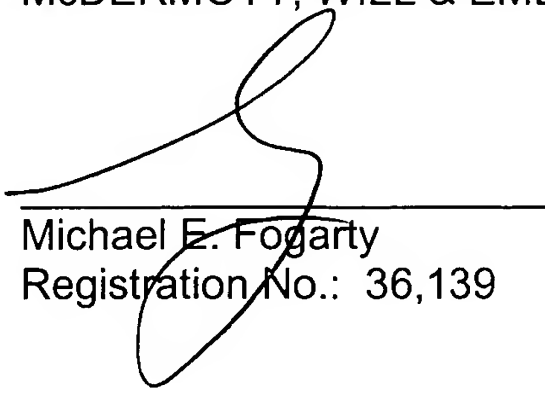
Applicant also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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